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SUBJECT: DOWNGRADING F-104G DOCUMENT

1. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE AIR ARMAMENTS SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM LOCKHEED CORPORATION TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOWNGRADING FROM NATO RESTRICTED TO NATO UNCLASSIFIED THE FOLLOWING F-104G DOCUMENT: A EUROPEAN SUPPLIER EQUIPMENT LIST AND QUALIFICATION APPROVAL STATUS, DATED JANUARY 6, 1965. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON MAY 17, 1978, THE AIR ARMAMENTS SECTION REQUESTED A JUDGEMENT ON THIS QUESTION FROM THE ORIGINATING NATIONS, BELGIUM, FRG, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE US (THE TEXT OF THE REQUEST IS REPEATED IN PARA 4 BELOW). TO DATE, ALL NATIONS EXCEPT THE US HAVE APPROVED THE DOWNGRADING.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF AIR ARMAMENTS HAS REQUESTED MISSION ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING THE US POSITION ON THIS DOWNGRADING ACTION. WHILE MISSION DOES NOT HOLD DOCUMENT, WE HAVE CHECKED WITH NAMSA F-104 PROCUREMENT OFFICE WHICH ADVISES THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REASON TO MAINTAIN CLASSIFICATION OF THIS ESSENTIALLY INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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ON DOWNGRADING THIS DOCUMENT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE REQUESTED THE AIR ARMAMENTS SECTION TO PASS ALL FUTURE REQUESTS OF THIS TYPE FROM US CONTRACTORS TO THE MISSION FOR FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON. END COMMENT.

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4. BEGIN TEXT OF NATO HQ MSG DTG 171015ZMAY78,
ADDRESSED INTER ALIA TO "CHIEF OF AIR STAFF FOR
USA":

- WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY LOCKAIR B PARIS TO
INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOWNGRADING FROM
NATO RESTRICTED TO NATO UNCLASSIFIED A EUROPEAN
SUPPLIER EQUIPMENT LIST AND QUALIFICATION APPROVAL
STATUS, DATED 6TH JANUARY, 1965. THE DOCUMENT WAS
PRODUCED BY THE NATO F-104G STARFIGHTER PRODUCTION
ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE, KOBLENZ, WEST
GERMANY. THIS BODY WAS DISBANDED SEVERAL YEARS AGO
AND WE HAVE NO COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AVAILABLE AT
THESE HEADQUARTERS. THE DOWNGRADING OF THE DOCUMENT
IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR INFORMATION IN A LEGAL SUIT
PENDING AGAINST LOCKHEED. FROM THE TITLE OF THE
DOCUMENT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, AT THESE HQS,
TO DOWNGRADING THE DOCUMENT, BUT WE WOULD PROPOSE
THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINATORS OF THE DOCUMENT
TO WHOM A COPY OF THIS TELEX IS ADDRESSED SHOULD BE
OBTAINED.

END TEXT. BENNETT

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